

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL – DIGITAL CONFERENCE

OPENING

Mayor Jim Fletcher opened the regular City Council meeting via digital conference at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall. City Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

Now for the roll call of the council members to document attendance. Please respond with an acknowledgment of your presence when your name is called.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jim Fletcher	
Council:	Daniel Scott - digital Chris Carlson - digital Dave Erickson - digital Jayne Stephenson - digital Derrick Pratt - digital	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney
Public:	Kirk Beckendorf, Cashmere Valley Record – digital	

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Mayor Fletcher reported that the City received eleven applications for the second round of CARES Act funding of \$46,500. The requested amount from the eleven applications totals \$54,979. Not all applicants will receive the amount requested, but they will all receive funding.

At the previous meeting the City Council moved to approve the amended Interagency Agreement with the Department of Commerce (DOC) to include the second round of CARES Act funding, totaling \$139,500. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the council that the DOC sent an Interagency Agreement with the amended amount of \$139,500, when in fact it should have been a two-page amendment document to the first Agreement showing the \$93,000 and the \$46,500 for a total of \$139,500. The Interagency Agreement that was authorized at the September 28, 2020 meeting has been voided and replaced with the amendment document.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting by Telephone Conference
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated October 12, 2020

Claims Direct Pay and Check #40702 and #40703 through #40733 totaling \$693,409.24
Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #40700 through #40701 totaling \$109,204.96

Set Public Hearing on Revenue Sources including Property Tax for October 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Set Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget for November 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Set Public Hearing on Final Budget for November 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

CURRENT REVENUE SOURCES AND ESTIMATES

Mayor Fletcher presented revenue sources and estimates on the digital screen for the council to see. He showed September revenues compared to last year in September. He discussed the proposed estimates for 2021 and the reasoning behind the estimate. The proposed estimates showed revenues without the property tax increase of 1% and water and wastewater revenues without the annual rate increases.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES IN THE CHELAN COUNTY REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER

The Mayor has been speaking with the other Mayors that contract with the Regional Justice Center. The City of Wenatchee had gone to arbitration over the way the new rates have been calculated. Wenatchee is the largest user and they are affected the most by the new rates. The other cities are waiting to see the outcome of the arbitration before signing the agreement.

The 2021 rate is calculated on the actual percentage of bookings and the average daily population for the twelve-month period of July 2019 through June 2020 for the base fee and the usage fee. The City Council voiced concern that the proposed contract has a 5% increase on the annual rate for 2022 and 2023 instead of calculating the rate on the prior twelve months as for 2021.

APPROVAL OF SUPPORT LETTER REGARDING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT REVISION

The support letter is to the Washington Department of Transportation for the proposed scope of work change to Cashmere's Safe Routes to School grant. The initial grant request was to improve four crosswalks. After further review and discussions, the proposal is to eliminate one crossing and enhance the adjacent crosswalks to increase safety and improve traffic flow in the school corridor.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the Letter of Support and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ON MUSEUM LEASE REGARDING ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Mayor Fletcher explained that since 2006 the City contributes \$8,500 annually to the Museum. In exchange the Museum agrees to provide free admission to city residents to the Museum premises and the Pioneer Village on at least one Sunday per month and they agree to promote the City in its advertising materials to attract tourists and retail business to the City.

Like others the Museum is struggling during this pandemic. They are unable to do their major fundraisers and since they are non-profit, they are not eligible for the City's CARES Act funding. The Mayor proposed increasing the annual amount to \$12,000. The council suggested seeing how it fits in the budget and possibly look at an annual increase.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Croci reported that the Chapel and Angier streetlights have been repaired. The crew is working on sidewalks and preparing for winter. The last of the biosolids have been pushed up and will be hauled away.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer